

MATTER OF FACT

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Providing information for
Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower
and Walkerville district

VENUS BAY
COMMUNITY CENTRE

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

JUPITER PARK UPGRADE – Venus Bay

So great to see progress in the upgrade of Jupiter Park – here is an update on timing from the Shire:

Works completed so far:

- Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Inductions
- Playground installed and signed off
- Landscaping works around playground by the SGSC Parks and Garden Team

Upcoming:

- Electrical works – Started – Estimate completion mid September
- Bore Relocation – New bore sunk – Connection of new bore before end of year (Doesn't have to be completed till skatepark/basketball begins)
- Cable and Brace of significant Eucalypt in the park – Estimate completion mid September
- Concreting of internal paths – Awaiting final quote – Estimate completion end of September
- Planting of indigenous species around the boundary - Estimate completion end of September
- Construction of new Landmark Shelter – Once concrete works are complete – Estimate mid October
- Installation of new furniture including table tennis table – Estimate mid October
- Installation of new BBQs – Estimate mid October
- Demolition of old BBQ shelters – Estimate mid October

Skatepark And Basketball Court are in the early design phase and there will an opportunity for consultation about the final design – we'll keep you updated.

All contractors and SGSC staff are required to have Covid Permits to complete works

New playground looks fantastic and hopefully we can get out of lockdown soon so the kids can use it!!



KEY

- 1 Existing public toilet.
- 2 Existing water tank.
- 3 Proposed new circuit path with additional seating.
- 4 Proposed skatepark information sign, with safety rules and curfew times.
- 5 Proposed new multi-sports court with seating.
- 6 Proposed new expanded skate park (Indicative arrangement only). Design by specialist skatepark designer. Skate park layout and elements may change.
- 7 Existing trees to be retained and protected.
- 8 Existing bus shelter.
- 9 Proposed new natural style playground (Indicative arrangement only).
- 10 Proposed new picnic shelter with picnic setting & electric BBQ.
- 11 Proposed additional picnic setting.
- 12 Proposed new outdoor table tennis table.
- 13 Proposed new indigenous screen planting.
- 14 Redeveloped car parking, as part of possible future streetscape works. New car parking to include DDA car spaces.
- 15 Proposed new screen between basketball and skate park.

NOTE: All works subject to Cultural Heritage Management Plan outcomes.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Venus Bay Community Centre will be held on

Saturday 18th September at 10am.

We warmly invite all members and community members to join us as we reflect on the work of the Centre over the last year.

Our Annual Report will be presented, and nominations will be taken for membership on our Board.

We encourage any community members who might be interested in joining our board to contact our President Wendy Lawrence: chairperson@vbcc.org.au

Given current COVID circumstances, we will host this meeting **online** and ask interested community members to contact info@vbcc.org.au for login details. We will also post these on our social media pages and send out to our registered members.

**VENUS BAY
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

News from the Venus Bay Community Recycling Enterprise.

We hope you are staying safe in lockdown. We miss you all and cannot wait to reopen and see you back in the shop with us.

The Venus Bay Recycling Enterprise aims to reduce landfill, redistribute, and recycle items within the community. Did you know that Australia is the second highest consumer of textiles in the World after the United States? Or that the clothing industry is the second largest polluter of the environment in the world after the Oil Industry?

Shopping at your local Op Shop is a great way to help support sustainable fashion. Reusing clothes helps avoid the overuse of water and fertilizer and minimises the greenhouse gas impacts that result from producing a new garment of clothing – all of which are not good for the environment. Other advantages of buying second hand are the amazing and unique pieces of clothing you can find, and it's a lot more friendly on your wallet! Once we open back up come in and see the great range of clothing we currently have in store and do your bit to support sustainable fashion.

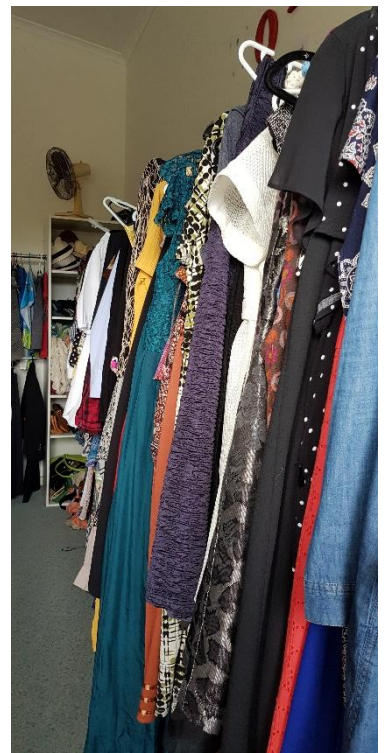


While in lockdown we have been busy with some upcycling projects using furniture in the shop. Photos of our projects at different stages will be posted on the **Op Shop Venus Bay** Facebook page and we will share these with the local community pages and in the next newsletter, head over and like our page if you haven't already done so. If you are working on an upcycling project we would love to see your handiwork shared to our Facebook page.

While in lockdown we have been busy planning a **Market Day** to celebrate the release of lockdown for both the regional and metro areas in Victoria and welcome back our part time community members. The Market Day will be a fantastic opportunity to pick loads of fabulous items at a really great price! Included in the market day will be loads of clothes, kitchenware, native plants and a wide range of items from the shed. This will also be the opportunity to sit in the sun (hopefully) and join us for a tea and scones and a chat. Currently we are hoping to hold the Market Day in the middle weekend of the School Holidays. This will be lockdown and weather permitting so we will finalise the date closer to the time. We will be posting information about this on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and we will put information posters up at the Community Centre once we have finalised the date.

Tradies and handy people – we have lots of drop clothes and rags in the shed. When we are back open come and buy them locally at a great price!

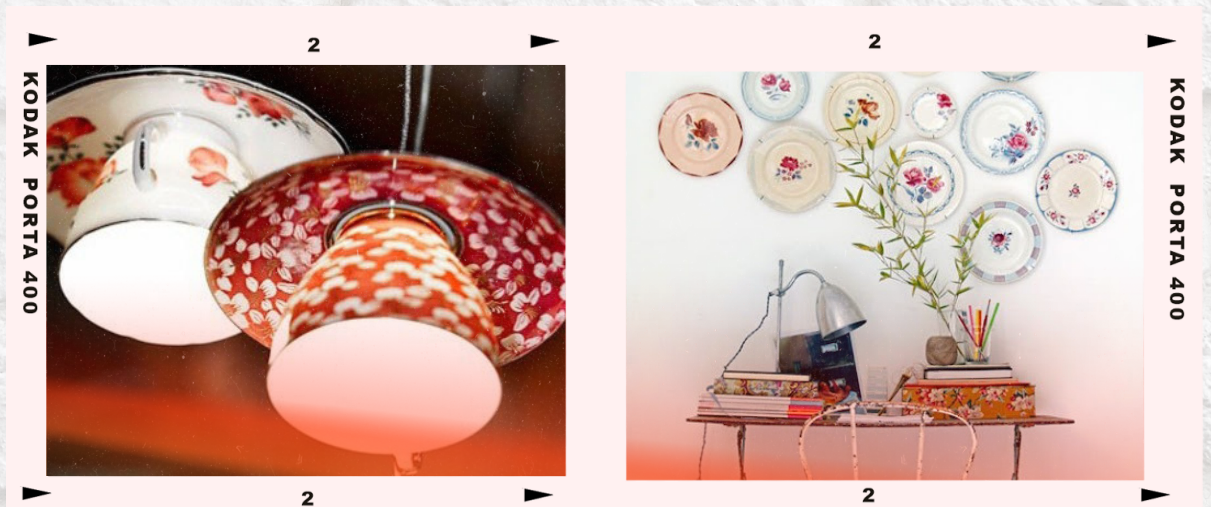
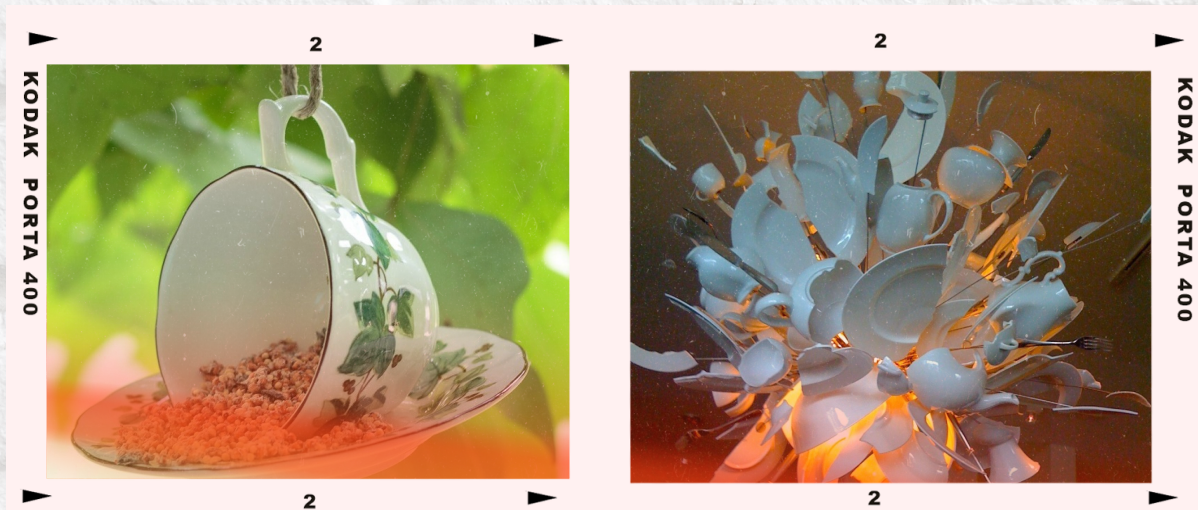
Interested in Volunteering? – we are always looking for people to come and help us out in the Op Shop. We also would love some people to volunteer their time to help us out with social media, marketing, photos, and upcycling projects either on an ongoing or a one-off basis. If you are interested in volunteering send a message to the Op Shop Facebook page, an e-mail to info@vbcc.org.au or come in and have a chat with us.



UPCYCLE, REVAMP OR REPURPOSE.

Like many other recycling enterprises we can be overwhelmed by the amount of items that are donated. We are looking for inspiration and ideas for many common items and would love to see your project pictures and stories.

Share to our facebook page or email us with your project so we can share it with others. info@vbcc.org.au



IDEAS AND INSPIRATION



RIVER POLES PROJECT VENUS BAY TARWIN LOWER

We're pleased to report our River Poles project is now complete - this project is about Placemaking - connecting people with place and increasing awareness of the natural environment we share. Showcasing the beautiful natural features of our fragile coastal and river ecosystem, providing a legacy of information about who and where we are and an illustration of our past, present, and future.

The Venus Bay Community Centre acknowledges funding support from South Gippsland Shire Council community grants fund and appreciate the significant in-kind contributions from community members and organisations.

VAN CLEEF RESERVE UPDATE



The Van Cleef Reserve masterplan project has been going on for nearly 5 years now. Funding of \$125,000 was initially allocated from the Shire to support the development of a Master Plan for the reserve from the Community Budgeting exercise in 2016.

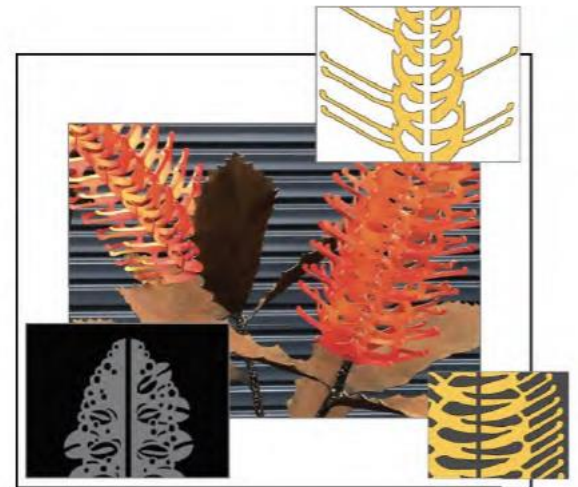
Since that time, a community reference/advisory group was established to provide local perspective. Laidlaw and Laidlaw developed a comprehensive master plan to protect, preserve and enhance the reserve (see excerpt below). There were 3 identified stages of implementation – **signage** within the reserve to describe local flora and fauna, along with pathway development and indigenous planting; secondly an **entrance feature** that would define the park in a creative and engaging way and thirdly to create a **sculptural heart** within the reserve.

To date, the signage project is underway although not complete, the entrance feature was awarded to local artist and the sculptural heart is yet to progress.

There have been some challenges with the cultural heritage plan & study that have required additional time, along with some engineering concerns; however, the project has been a long time in the making.

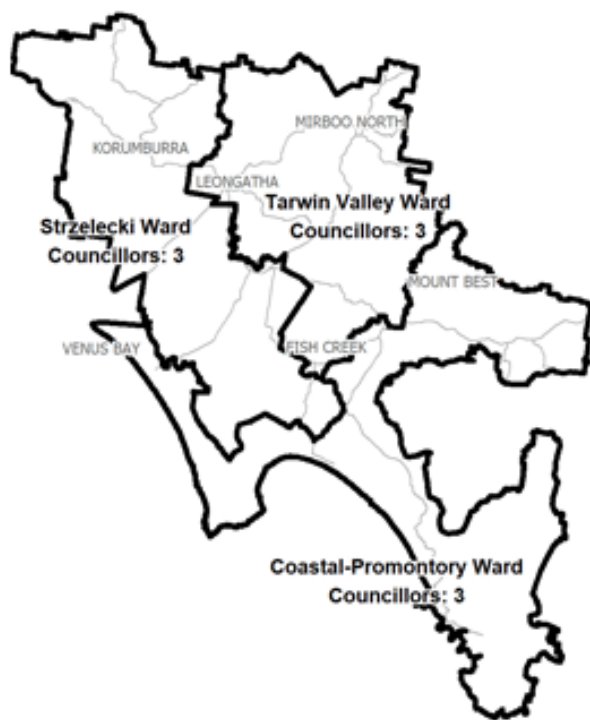
We now understand the entrance feature is almost ready to be installed, so we look forward to seeing it in place (see picture).

The next phase of the project will involve inviting expressions of interest from artists/creative folk to design and install a sculptural feature in the Centre of the reserve to be an engaging, environmentally sensitive landmark of people and place.



The design for Van Cleef Reserve draws on the natural environment and the reserves' strong sense of place. Design inspiration comes from the wild, untamed nature of the reserve and the indigenous landscape in all its forms, including the people, plants, animals and landform. The concept was developed in consultation with the community and reflects its the values, including a respect and care for the natural environment, a strong holiday community and a thriving local arts scene.

The Van Cleef Reserve Master Plan takes the stark, natural beauty of the place and gently tames it to create a park which is useable by the local community and promotes respect and admiration for the indigenous landscape. It aims to take the best of the natural character while resolving a number of functional issues which currently limit the reserves' useability. A key aim of the Master Plan is to make the reserve more inviting by creating dedicated, recognisable entry points off the surrounding streets, in particular Lees Road. The design of these entrances draws on the local diatom patterns, which at certain times of the year form on the Venus Bay sand. Planting at each entrance will be a palette of low, indigenous plants, laid out in defined patterns. Dedicated signage will mark the main entrances, designed by local artists and possibly including sculptural elements. Plants in these areas will be labelled, and any interpretative material would focus around the entry points.



SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP IN OCTOBER 2021.

All residents – both permanent and part – time, and ratepayers in the Shire are entitled to vote for candidates in their ward.

Our Shire is split into 3 different wards: Coastal Promontory, Tarwin Valley, and Strzelecki and there are 3 positions in each ward.

We can only vote on candidates in our Coastal Promontory Ward.

Potential candidates have until Wednesday 22 September to register – there is information on becoming a council candidate here:

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/becoming-a-local-council-candidate>

Each registered VOTER will be sent a voting pack in late September/early October – to the address you nominated to VEC – all votes are by POSTAL VOTE.

We will be inviting all candidates in the Coastal Promontory Ward to submit information about themselves to be included in our October Matter of Fact issue.

We are also hosting a Meet the Candidate Forum on Monday October 4 from 7-9pm

An opportunity to be in Conversation with Council Candidates.

Dear South Gippsland Residents,

We invite you to attend a Candidate Forum. Candidates in your ward will participate in a respectful, open and democratic conference.

October 4th - Venus Bay Community Centre, 7-9pm

5th - Foster Chamber of Commerce, Foster Hall, 7-9pm

6th - Korumburra Round Table, venue TBC, 7-9pm

7th - Mirboo Country Development Inc & Mirboo North Times, Shire Hall, 7-9pm

8th - Leongatha Business Association, Memorial Hall, 7-9pm

SouthGippsland.CandidateForum@gmail.com



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WHAT'S NEW AT HEALTH CENTRE



The Tarwin Lower & District Community Health Centre wishes to THANK the generosity of the Bald Hills Wind Farm and South Gippsland Shire Council Community Grants Funding 2021.

With the funding received we were able to purchase and replace our old dysfunctional Electrocardiogram Machine (ECG) which included machine, paper and electrodes equipment.

The centre having a working ECG Machine will allow the routine screening of patients from the community if required for patient's heart rhythm.



AVAILABLE COMMUNITY SOUND EQUIPMENT



Grants Only Group Inc.

Not for Profit Community Group

P.O. Box 453, Tarwin Lower, Victoria
3956

grantsonlygroup@y7mail.com

Inc. A0057076Z ABN 16 998 830 629

The Grants Only Group were successful in receiving funding from Gardiner Foundation working in dairy communities and FRRR. We are proud that our group won the funding and can give back to our communities.

We were able to purchase and bring into the townships of Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower and Walkerville a community PA Sound System which includes 4 speakers, tripods, microphones for all organisation and businesses to utilise. This equipment would otherwise have to be hired and it would involve the organisations to pick up and return to larger townships.

The GOG contact person for bookings is Phil Lavery 0419 317 491 or phil.lavery@gmail.com





Calling for expressions of interest from farms who are interested in hosting a native pasture demonstration site.

For more information see the attached expression of interest form or fill in the form below.

If you wish to contact us directly you can email us at wild@wildthingsaustralia.org.au or call Andrew on 0448 059 785 to discuss the project in detail. wild@wildthingsaustralia.org.au

Native Graze - Grasses for Pasture and Biodiversity

September 2021 - June 2023

Wildthings Australia's new grant, Native Graze, is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's Smart Farms Small Grants (round 4).

Offering local farmers within the Gippsland Plain Bioregion (preferred site location, other areas in Victoria will be considered) an opportunity to participate in a native grass demonstration for pasture production and biodiversity on their farm.

Supported by leading professionals in the field through a two year program from September 2021 through to May 2023. See the expression of Interest Form or fill out the online form below



Option 1

Establish one hectare of native grass for seed production and pasture with new paddock trees. Site managed for native pasture including optimal grazing, resting and weed management.

The grant offers:

Sow one hectare of native pasture into selected site
Provide specialist advice for specific sites from experts
Co-fund fencing to protect new paddock trees
Provide training on native grasses and weed ID

Option 2

A low-cost native pasture demonstration by improving one hectare of existing native pasture. Site managed for native pasture including optimal grazing, resting and weed management.

The grant offers:

Provide specialist advice, site specific
Provide trees for new paddock trees
Co-fund fencing to protect new paddock trees
Provide training on native grasses and weed ID



Tarwin Lower Film Society presents:

SEASON 2021-2022

Tarwin Lower Hall

3rd Friday except

Dec

7:30pm

**BYO Drinks
& Nibbles**

**3 or 12 month Memberships
(no single tickets)
trybooking.com**

16 Jul 2021 - The Proposition
20 Aug 2021 - God Willing
17 Sep 2021 - The Kite Runner
15 Oct 2021 - The Isle of Dogs
19 Nov 2021 - The Peanut Butter Falcon
21 Jan 2022 - Boy
18 Feb 2022 - First Reformed
18 Mar 2022 - Mrs Carey's Concert
15 Apr 2022 - A Fantastic Woman
20 May 2022 - I, Daniel Blake
17 Jun 2022 - The Hunter
*may be subject to change

Enquiries: Email tarwinlowerfilmsociety@gmail.com

WASTE SERVICES

Council is responsible for all waste services in South Gippsland. For Venus Bay, we have a transfer station (tip) that is open 4 days per week, and extra hours during summer/public holidays.

Monday	9am - 12pm
Tuesday	9am - 12pm**
Wednesday	9am - 12pm***
Thursday	9am - 12pm**
Friday	9am - 12pm
Saturday	9.30am - 3.30pm
Sunday	9.30am - 3.30pm
Public Holidays	9am - 5pm Public Holidays Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday ** Only from 26 December to 31 January *** Only during school holidays

Charges apply to regular rubbish and green waste, and recycling is free.

Each year, council offers a period of **Green Waste amnesty** before summer -usually November/December to assist with preparing for bushfire season. This year, council provided an additional amnesty following the severe weather event.

For Venus Bay, **kerbside collection**. Residents in Venus Bay have a compulsory garbage and recycling collection service which runs from 1 November to 30 April each year. An opt-in 12 month service is also available. The service includes a 120L garbage bin collected weekly and a 240L recycling bin collected fortnightly. Weekly recycling collections will be provided from Christmas Day through until the end of January each year.

The costs associated with the services are provided in the following table. **Please note that the fees are subject to pro-rata amounts throughout the year.**

6 MONTHS = \$161.10

12 MONTHS = \$256

GREEN WASTE Council's green waste collection service was introduced to help divert green waste from landfill so that it can be processed into compost. The cost of the green waste kerbside collection service is applied to the garbage charge on your rates notice

KNOW YOUR BINS – if the bright yellow or red bins are left out from May to October, they are not picked up – this means they fall over dispersing rubbish in the streets and are open to animal foraging. This can be tricky for our part-time community members as bin collection is on Monday, often people leave on Sunday evening. One possible solution is to get to know your neighbour – perhaps ask them to bring your bins in for you?



WEEKLY - ALL YEAR



FORTNIGHTLY - ALL YEAR



WEEKLY - NOV - APRIL









FORTNIGHTLY - NOV TO APRIL

Hard Waste Collection Service -Council provides an optional hard waste collection service for residential properties throughout South Gippsland:

- The service is conducted annually. Each residential property can book one collection per year.
- Bookings are accepted during July and August in 2021. Collections will be undertaken in October.
- The cost is \$102 or \$36 if you have a pension concession card.
- Hard waste will only be collected from properties that have booked and paid for a service prior to the collection period.
- Waste must be placed for collection within the property boundary.
- The safety of our contractors and residents are our priority. Contractors will be wearing masks and social distancing to stay COVIDsafe.

Additional information/enquiries please call 5662 9200

What items can go in my bins?

Recycling	Garbage	Green Waste
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rigid plastics codes 1 - 7• Cardboard & paper• Glass bottles and jars• Aerosols & tin cans• Aluminium foil & cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household garbage• Food scraps• Wrapped noxious weeds• Clothing and fabric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Garden prunings• Grass clippings• Weeds• Small logs and raw timber offcuts (up to 10cm in width & 30cm height)• Leaves 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No plastic bags, plastic wrap, polystyrene• No pyrex, crockery or broken glass• No garbage• No green waste or food scraps• No nappies• No clothing or fabric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No recyclables• No green waste• No chemicals• No trade waste• No electronic/electrical items• No batteries• No light globes• No liquids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No household garbage or food scraps• No bricks, rubble, sand or dirt• No plastic bags• No plant pots• No large logs or stumps• No treated or painted timber 

Hard Waste

Bookings for Council's Annual Hard Waste collection service are taken during July, August and early September with collections undertaken in October. Fees apply. For more information please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

MULCH IS FREE ALL YEAR AROUND – from time to time when the equipment is on site a loading service is provided – keep a look out on social media.



Tarwin Lower Union Church

News



Regular services:

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Catholic
and Mass 6.30 p.m. (every Saturday after 2nd
Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Anglican/Uniting

Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community

General church notices:

Weekly Recitation of the Rosary, followed by a cuppa and chat,
at 6 Mercury Drive, Venus Bay
Wednesday at 2 pm
Anyone interested phone Trish on 0490286884

Attention!! Attention!!

Following our first successful study we offer a new topic "The gift"
as advertised below.

If restrictions are still in place on the 9th September we will aim to
get together on the 23rd September

CALLING WOMEN

OF ALL AGES and STAGES

**"Let's get together" to grow, learn and change
CHOICES**

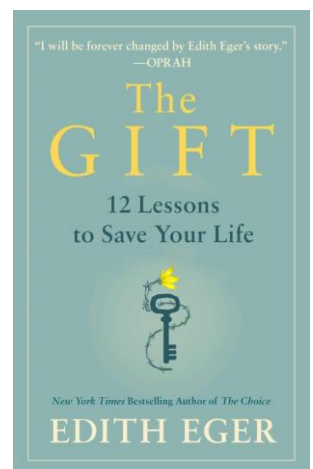
Learning to live every moment as a gift
It's not what happens to us most,
it's what we choose to do with it.

We look at the vulnerability and
common challenges we all face.

Commencing: Thursday 9th September
Fortnightly for 8 weeks
Tarwin Lower Church tea room
At 10.30 a.m.

Register your interest OR Questions?

Paula – 0405 210 875 (Trained Counsellor and Family Therapist)

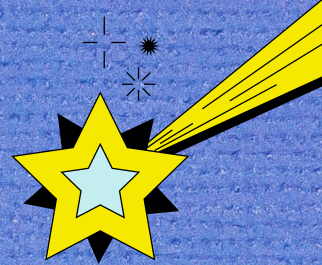




100 days of school Celebration



LOCKDOWN LEARNING IDEAS



1

Visit the Australian Museum online

<https://australian.museum/inside-out/>

A wealth of pages full of information, citizen science projects, art ideas and STEM activities for children and those that are young at heart.

2

West Gippsland Regional Library

<https://www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au/resource-category/eresources/>

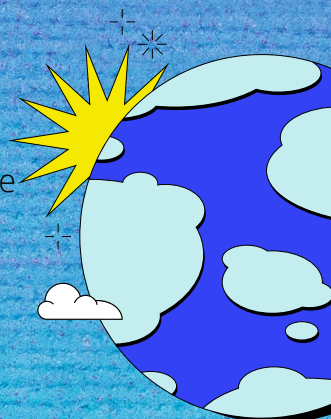
So much more than just books to read. Creativity classes, magazines online, story time online, creativity workshops and more.

3

Backyard buddies online

<https://backyardbuddies.org.au/create-habitats/citizen-science>

All sorts of nature based projects to learn about and be involved in many of these are suited to our local area.



4

Clean up Australia online

<https://www.cleanup.org.au/recycle#>

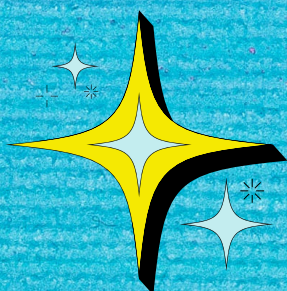
Learn more about what you can recycle and how best to do it. Has a clear list of things that can be recycled and where to find the information.

5

Sustainability

<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/energy-efficiency-and-reducing-emissions>

Sustainability Victoria have a range of information to help understand how we can lessen our use of energy through tips and tricks to reduce energy usage.



School lunch boxes: are parents and caregivers under pressure?

Researchers at Deakin University are interested in talking to parents and caregivers of primary school aged children about packing school lunch boxes.

Participation in this research involves an interview, conducted either remotely or in person depending on preference lasting approximately 30-60 minutes.

We are interested in talking to you about:

- managing your child's tastes
- working with school policies
- cost pressures
- trying to make the LB as healthy as possible

If you are in receipt of the Parenting Payment or JobSeeker Payment, and have children in primary school, and would like to participate in an interview about the pressures associated with lunch boxes please contact the research team.





Making time for self-care

A Parents Building Solutions single session

- Do you want to feel less overwhelmed and deal with anxious feelings?
- Want to improve your confidence and self esteem?
- Build resilience for yourself and your family?
- Take time out for yourself?

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

DATES: Monday 13th September 2021

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email
parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au



Do you have a few hours to spare?

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the community centre...do you have any particular skills you can contribute? Or perhaps you have a bit of time to spend helping with filing in the office or sorting donations for the Recycling enterprise?

Every bit counts and every bit is appreciated. We could not function without our fabulous team of volunteers.

So why not come and join in!

Situated at 27 Canterbury Road, Venus Bay.

Phone: 56637499, Send mail to Post Office Box 786, Venus Bay 3956

Email: vbcc@bigpond.com Website: www.vbcc.org.au

Opening hours reflect the season - please check our website or Facebook for details

or call Alyson 0416 242 331

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